

## **Allied Landfill – Media Availability Talking Points**

### **EPA Perspective on this collaboration**

- EPA seeks opportunities to work with local communities, so we were eager to accept invitation from MDEQ and city of Kalamazoo.
- This is an opportunity to find another cleanup alternative that is different from what is in the FS. EPA has not yet proposed a cleanup plan or made a final decision regarding the site.
- EPA values redevelopment and reuse of Superfund sites.
- A redevelopment configuration with city stewardship is not included in the cleanup alternatives already in the FS and could result in greater long-term effectiveness and permanence than current consolidation and capping alternatives;

### **Procedural**

#### **Amending the Feasibility Study:**

- Uncommon but not unprecedented.
- EPA plans to amend the FS with a memo after more public input (availability sessions).
- EPA will add a redevelopment alternative; EPA will not eliminate any other alternatives.

#### **Availability Sessions:**

- EPA led with a purpose of getting public input on what new cleanup alternative to add to the FS. This will not be the Proposed Plan meeting.
- EPA will show in greater detail all the potential redevelopment configurations.
- First availability session as early as April with next one 4-6 weeks later.
- Similar format to last availability sessions.

Proposed Plan will be released for public comment after the FS is amended.

### **Money/Ownership:**

- EPA remedy selection is not dependent on available funds.
- EPA does have a bit less than \$50M in a special account for Allied Landfill from a bankruptcy settlement with Lyondell, the former owner of the property.
- If EPA has to seek federal dollars to fund the cleanup, there are other sites in need of money that pose greater risks.
- EPA believes it is possible to move forward without complete answers to the questions of funding the remedy and long-term ownership of the property.
- This site is a priority for us.

### **Groundwater Study**

- City of Kalamazoo and MDEQ asked EPA to collect new groundwater samples.
- EPA collected new groundwater samples in 2014 for the purpose of evaluating locations of future monitoring wells if EPA were to select a waste-in-place alternative.
- EPA worked with MDEQ and the city of Kalamazoo in developing the plan.
  - Resampled many of the existing groundwater wells
  - Installed four new deep wells
- If a future remedy requires a long-term monitoring network, EPA will work with the city again in the development of that network.
- Recent groundwater results support the finding that groundwater at Allied Landfill flows east towards Portage Creek and not northwest towards the city of Kalamazoo's Central Well Field.